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rea groups scattered across the are presently meeting to con- r and suggest revision of the t of *A Plan For A United Church The United States* (Greenwich). Area group studies are to be leted by May 15 and compiled for her study by a nation-wide con- ence later in the autumn. The ference will include a "scribe" each of the area groups. Find- s of the "scribes'" conference be transmitted to the Conference Church Union (Greenwich Confer-) to be considered together with ents from other Communions in the revising of the Plan.

Area Groups

Some areas in which groups are ing, with their convenors, are ed below. Council members pre- d to participate in one of the ups should contact the nearest enor.

West Coast: San Francisco—Dallas adson, Oakland, California.

Southwest: Tucson-Harold Lunger, on, Arizona; Tyler-Jarvis—Lee C. ce, Tyler, Texas; Enid—G. Edwin rn, Enid, Oklahoma

Midwest: Kansas City—Robert as, St.Joseph, Missouri and H. rr, Lawrence, Kansas; St.Louis lliam K.Fox, St.Louis, Missouri.

North Central: Chicago—Irvin E. er, Chicago, Illinois; Indiana- s—Gaines M. Cook, Indianapolis;

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Ecumenical Service Abroad

Disciples candidates for appointment to three positions of ecumenical service overseas are being considered by the Department of Ecumenical Service of the *Council on Christian Unity*. The request for ecumenical workers came to the Council from the World Council of Churches.

One job, in *Korea*, calls for a single man to work with the ecumenical team there with special responsibility for the extension of the health and T.B. control program.

A second position, in *Palestine*, calls for a couple to administer the relief program, or to direct an agricultural resettlement program in the Gaza strip.

The third task, in *Geneva*, calls for someone with considerable experience in social ethics and economics to work in the Division of Church and Society with particular responsibility for study and action in underdeveloped areas.

Appointment by Disciples

These three tasks were selected as first priority by the Department of Ecumenical Service from a larger list proposed by the World Council. Nominees will be appointed and commissioned jointly with the Committee on Relief Appeals. As additional funds become available, it is hoped the World Council's request for other appointees can be favorably considered.

If Council members are aware of Disciples who would qualify for ecumenical service abroad, kindly communicate such information to the office of the Council.

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U.S. Conference For W.C.C.

The Executive Committee of the U.S. Conference for the W.C.C. met in New York, January 12.

An American 'Bossey"

On the agenda was the proposal of a group of laymen, theological professors, and pastors in the Chicago area that an ecumenical institute be created somewhere in the Mid-West as a center for ecumenical study, research and documentation. Something similar to the World Council's Institute at Chateau de Bossey, Switzerland, on a national or North American plane was suggested. Such centers exist now in Sweden, Holland, Scotland and other countries. The proposal included an offer of grounds and facilities.

A special committee was named by the Executive Committee to consider the proposal with Member Churches.

Summer Ecumenical Institute

Another proposal was that theological seminaries and churches in several areas join together in conducting summer theological institutes of the type conducted at Chicago prior to Evanston last summer. The informality of the Chicago Institutes and the possibility for frank give and take between foreign lecturers and American pastors and students was cited as a stimulating experience and a solidifying factor in the church universal. The proposal met with enthusiastic approval. An effort is being made to facilitate plans for such institutes.

W.C.C. Increased Budget

Increased costs of living
expansion of the W.C.C. prog
following Evanston have raised
American share of the World Coun
budget from $250,000 to $310,0
Nearly every American member c
munion has indicated its readiness
meet its additional share of the b
get. The Disciples' share will
$19,050.

W.C.C. Peace Appeal

The Evanston resolution concern
world peace and the message to
nations was recently presented b
delegation of American churchmen
the U.S. Secretary of State.
Dulles, a staunch supporter of
World Council, indicated that wh
he personally favored the content
the appeal, he would like to see m
evidence that it had the popular s
port of American Christians. M
received in Washington indicates t
popular opinion in America does
correspond to the tenor of the app
from Evanston.

The implication is clear—
responsibility does not end w
resolutions.

Area Groups

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Champaign-Springfield—W. J. Jarm
Champaign, Illinois; Columbus—Fl
Faust, Columbus, Ohio.

South Central: Lexington—Ri
Montgomery, Lexington, Kentucky.

East: Lynchburg—Joseph B.Hunt
Lynchbyrg, Vnrginia.

Are You A Member?

Interested Disciples desiring
associate themselves with the purp
and work of the Council may apply
membership ($2.00 per year) to
Council office, 222 South Downey Av
ue, Indianapolis 7, Indiana.

n and Order Conference

e Nature of Unity is scheduled
a major area of ecumenical
in the western hemisphere be-
Evanston and the next Assembly.
its meeting in New York on Jan-
12, the Executive Committee of
.S. Conference for the World
il approved a recommendation
the Working Committee of the
can section of the Faith and
Commission to "organize and
or a study conference (subject
cessary support) on the theme
ture of the Unity We Seek."

Conference in 1957

e Conference is to include theo-
ns, church administrators, lay-
lay women, and youth, 500 in all,
inted by the co-operating
hes. A limited number of con-
ants will be invited by the
tive Committee.
e Conference is planned for
ime in the year 1957 or 1958 in
tting conducive to quiet fellow-
such as Green Lake, Wisconsin."
part-time service of a theo-
al scholar is to be secured as
as possible to prepare the con-
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Canada and Mexico Invited

e U.S. Conference is to carry
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nal Council of Churches in the
A., the Canadian Council of
hes and the Evangelical Council
xico are to be invited to serve
-operating bodies.
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wanston frustration over alleged
ness of the ecumenical goal,
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not to hold any major world
rence for a period of several
. It was felt at that time that
e developments in Faith and

Congregational Christians, Evangelical and Reformed Join Activity

Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed Churches have outlined a projram of joint activities to be undertaken prior to their projected merger in "The United Church of Christ" in 1957.

Joint activities will include 100 regional evangelistic meetings this autumn followed by 3,000 dinner meetings in local churches.

Members of the two denominations are to be acquainted with the history and missionary activities of both churches. Young men and women are to be recruited as ministers, missionaries and educators for the new merged church. During the summer pastor's schools for ministers of both churches will be held at La Foret, Colorado, and Deering, N.H.

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Order should emphasize the importance of regional, national and local discussions.

After the full meeting of the Faith and Order Commission in September, 1954, pledged its support to area conferences on Faith and Order issues, American members immediately proposed that a conference be held in North America on *The Nature of the Unity We Seek*. Their proposal was transmitted to the Executive Committee of the Conference of U.S.A. churches as reported above.

W.C.C. Central Committee Studies

More recently the Executive Committee of the World Council made this topic one of two major themes for special consideration by the Central Committee at its meeting in August at Davos, Switzerland.

While the European section of Faith and Order is presently studying the topic, *Christ and the Church*, the two themes will be closely related.

Scholarships For Ecumenical Studies

The opportunities listed below are open to qualified Disciples Disciples towards these possibilities for ecumenical training.

World Council Ecumenical Scholarship Exchange
(Possibly one or two qualified Disciples per year.)

Purpose
To enrich the common life of the churches through an exchange of potential leaders during their ministerial preparation.

Extent of Scholarship
Travel, and incidental expenses overseas, living expense, tuition and fees. One year only.

Place of Study
Britain, Germany, France, Holland, Austria, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Italy, Switzerland, Greece.

Basis of Award
To students pursuing studies, specialized training or advanced work, not available in their own country.
On recommendation by own Communion and indication that study abroad will enhance and broaden the student's future ministry in his own Communion.

Requisites
Academic record above average. Language of country of study. Under 30 years of age. At least two years of seminary work. (Since students are to live with fellow students abroad, only candidates are accepted who are not accompanied by their families.)

Application
Department of Ecumenical Relations, 257 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.
In applying, present statement of reasons for desired study abroad.
Application must be received by January 31, for study the following school year.

World Council Fellowships
(two peryear, all Member Churches

Purpose
To facilitate the Churches' sha ing their theological and religio experience through the personal co tact, study, life and teaching of few well chosen younger professo and church leaders.

Extent of Scholarship
Up to complete coverade of trave tuition, fees, room and board.

Place of Study
Unlimited: candidates choose or several:

Basis of Award
On nomination by own communion relation to present or future respo sibilities as professor or leade *Preference given to specialists evangelism, social ethics, theolog cal issues, new experiments developments in church life, etc.*

Requisites
Under 40 years of age. Langua of country of study. Usual acade qualifications.

Application
Submit curriculum vital to Coun on Christian Unity, 222 South Dow Avenue, Indianapolis 7, Indiana, gether with plan of study and p posed place or places. Applicat must be received by World Council fore end of April for following te

of the Council are asked to direct competent young

te School of Ecumenical Studies
3 Disciples per year)

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provide younger church leaders
a real knowledge of the ecumen-
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s write Council on Christian
y, Indianapolis.

Program of Advanced Religious Studies and Ecumenical Fellowships
(total 25 per year, world-wide; possibly one Disciple every two to four years.)

Purpose
To provide opportunity for highly selected younger Christian leaders from Churches throughout the world to spend one year at Union Theological Seminary in specialized preparation for their several vocations and in common research with the Community of Fellows on a specific issue.

Extent
Complete costs including travel, room and board for one year only. (for fellows only, no family costs covered)

Place
Programs of Advanced Religious Studies, Union Theological Seminary, New York.

Basis of Award
On nomination by responsible church body as having outstanding promise for Christian world leadership (officers of councils, denominational executives, theological professors, authors, etc.)
Candidate to return to home church to resume responsibilities there.

Requisites and Admission
No candidate applies directly.
Members of the Council who have suggestions should make them to the Council on Christian Unity by January 1, for consideration for the following academic year.
Between 25 and 40 years of age. Completed B.D. Evidence of maturity in carrying responsibilities.

Hoover Lectures On Christian Unity

The William Henry Hoover lectures on Christian Unity were held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 11-13, 1955, at the University of Chicago, according to an announcement from the Disciples Divinity House by Dean W.Barnett Blakemore. Dr.John Knox, Professor of New Testament at Union Theological Seminary in New York delivered the lectures on the theme *The Early Church and The Coming Great Church.* Lecture titles included *The Shared Life, The Common Faith, The Growing Unity, and The Authority of the Early Church.*

The lectures were also published this month by Abingdon-Cokesbury, price $2.50.

Disciple Team to Europe And Middle East

Dr. C. O. Hawley, representing the Committee on Relief Appeals, Dr. George Walker Buckner, Jr., representing *World Call*, and Mr. Robert Tobias, representing the Council On Christian Unity, will confer with church leaders in Germany, Greece, Palestine, Istanbul, Yugoslavia, and Geneva in August.

The purpose of the mission will be to indicate in a personal way our continuing solidarity with Christians in these lands, to survey present needs and possibilities for Disciples to share in those needs, and to gather information for interpretation to fellow Disciples in America.

Evanston Seminar Held At Enid

Ninety-three ministers of Christian churches in Oklahoma and Kansas plus Phillips Seminary students me on March 8, 1955, on the campus Phillips University, Enid, Oklahom to discuss the Evanston Assembly the World Council of Churches.

Dr. G. Edwin Osborn, South Weste area representative of the Council Christian Unity, presided over t seminar.

Dean Stephen J. England, delega of the Disciples to the Lund Fai and Order Conference in 1952, addre sed the group on *The Faith and Ord Problem.*

Dr.W.A.Welsh of Dallas, Texa a delegate to the Evanston Assembl reviewed Evanston in two addresses.

A group of seminarians spoke the noon luncheon concerning *St dents' Share In The Ecumenic Movement.*

Working groups on Faith and Orde Evangelism and the Laity, and Soci Affairs, proposed ways of implemen ing the findings of Evanston at t local level. The Seminar urged th *A Plan for a United Church in t United States* be given serious co sideration by local churches.

stian Unity and e Disciples"

by W.E.Garrison

W. E. Garrison was commission- the Council on Christian Unity e Bethany Press a year ago to a book to be entitled, *Chris- Unity and the Disciples of t. Dr.Garrison had already* ted the manuscript in December, blication date is set for June ice of the book, $3.00. It is rehensive record, as seen by a ent and outstanding Disciple, idea of, and participation in tian Unity over the past 150

anticipate similar documents other Communions in the coming

nical Study Series

e first issue of the *Ecumenical es Series* has just been sent bers of the Council. The *Ecumen- Studies Series* is an experiment. "occasional study bulletin" it signed to provide a means of ng ideas on ecumenical issues gh reports written by Disciples cicles which speak to Disciples. e first issue contains a series of les under the general topic *nical Issues* by Robert Tobias. econd issue will include two les by Dr. Hans Hermann Walz of ny: *The Church and Christianity.* e *Ecumenical Studies Series* is ded without charge to members e Council. Additional copies vailable at cost.

ring the "try out" stage, com- s on the "Series" by Council rs will be particularly welcome.

Selected Books

III. The Ecumenical Movement

(a) Basic documents:

The History of the Ecumenical Movement, S. Neill and R. Rouse, Westminster Press, 1954.

Ecumenical Foundations, W.R. Hogg, Harper and Brothers, 1952.

The World Council of Churches: the Ten Formative Years, 1938-1948, W.A.Visser't Hooft, World Council, Geneva, 1948.

The First Assembly of the World Council of Churches, official report W.A.Visser't Hooft, Harper and Brothers, New York, 1949.

The Second Assembly:

Evanston comprehensive bibliography circulated with first issue of *Newsletter.*

Best recent interpretation:

What Did The World Council Say To You?, Harold A.Bosley, Abingdon Press, 1955.

(b) Other works:

The Kingship of Christ, The Bishop of Chichester, Penguin Books, 1954.

World Christianity, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, Henry P.Van Dusen, Abingdon-Cokesbury Press.

Steps Toward the World Council: Origin of the Ecumenical Movement (Life and Work), Charles S.MacFarland, Fleming Revell, 1938.

Toward a United Church, William Adams Brown, Scribner's, 1946.

The Emergence of A World Christian Community, Kenneth S.Latourette, Yale University Press, 1949.

Other Book Lists

in previous issue

I. The Nature of the Church
II. Evanston

in subsequent issues

Church Unions
Disciples and Christian Unity
Missions and Unity
Intercommunion
The National Council
Local Ecumenics

Ecumenical Calendar

World Council of Churches

May 27–30: Consultation on Training of Women for professional Church work, Dept. of Men and Women, Switzerland.

May 31–June 6: Division of Inter-Church Aid, Annual Consultation, Switzerland.

July 2–31: Training Work Camp, Brazil

July 25–30: Divisional and Departmental working committees, Davos, Switzerland

Aug. 2–9: Central Committee, Davos, Switzerland.

Ecumenical Institute

April 30–May 8: Training Course for Youth Leaders, Bossey.

May 10–17: Work Camp Leader's Meeting, Bossey.

May 20–23: Education within the Armed Forces, Bossey.

June 1–15: Missionaries on Furlough, Bossey.

June 22–29: Nursing Profession and Its Main Issues Today, Bossey.

July 18–Aug. 8: Theological Students, Bossey.

Aug. 10–22: Laymen's Vacation Course, Bossey.

Sept. 2–12: Bible Study Methods, Bossey.

Oct. 1–Feb. 15: Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies, Bossey.

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May 4–6: Friends of the W.C.C., Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania.

May 4–6: Conference of U.S.A., Member Churches, Buck Hill Falls.

May 15: Council on Christian Unity, "Plan of Union"–proposed revisions due.

July: Dept. of Ecumenical Study, near Indianapolis.

October: "Scribes" meeting, "Plan of Union," near Indianapolis.

Pentecost and Christian Unit

The Council has suggested ways which special emphasis might be gi to Christian unity in the observa of Pentecost (May 29, 1955), i communication to *The Christi Evangelist, World Call,* and st church papers.

Suggestions include (1) prayer unity in local services, (2) uni services of worship, (3) sermo addresses and discussions related a united Church, (4) emphasis participation in council of church and personal prayer, appropri hymns and scripture readings.

Recent Doings of Council Members

Mrs. Charles O. Goodwin, elec President of Los Angeles Church F eration.

President Hampton Adams, addres inter-denominational pre-Lenten meetings, St. Louis, Missouri.

Professor G. Edwin Osborn, org ized Evanston Seminar, Enid, Oklah

Prof. Ronald E. Osborn, complet lectures at Graduate School of E menical Studies, Switzerland, and gan tour of Egypt, Palestine, Medit ranean area.

Dr. G. W. Buckner, Jr., addresse Kentucky inter-denominational mini ter's conference, Lexington.

Robert Tobias, attended Executi Committee (Conference of U.S.A. Me ber Churches), New York, and vari speaking engagements in Washingt D.C. and Indiana area.

Staff, presented work of Coun at Unified Promotion Orientati Conference for 150 pastors and wiv Indianapolis; orientation for sem ary middlers scheduled for April.